MINUTES

OF THE

Zion Association

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST FAITH

The Sixth Annual Session

Convened With the Church at Chestnut Grove, Carroll County, Virginia, on the Thirteenth Fourteenth and Fifteenth of September, Nineteen Hundred and Seven.

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PROCEEDINGS OF

The Sixth Annual Session of the Zion Primitive Baptist Association, Convened with the Church at Chestnut Grove, Carroll County Virgina, Sept. the 13th 1907.

The Association met according to arrangement with Praise and Prayer, and the introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. H. Atkinson, from Fishers River Association; Text Isaiah. 27th Chapter. 13th Verse. "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown etc." Then after intermission, the messengers assembled in the house and opened the association with praise and prayer by Elder R. T. Monday, Letters from the churches were received and organized by appointing Elder G. P. Allen, moderator and C. L. Woltz, clerk.

1 Called for correspondents and received Elder W. H. Atkinson, from Fishers River, And Elders J. P. Gardner, and M. M. Horton, from New River, Association.

2 Called for visitors, and received Bro. David Davis from New River, and Brother J. A. Galyean, from the Mountain, and Brothers William Dunbar, and Samuel Booker, from Fishers River.

3 Moved that the committee on arrangements be elected by private ballot, and Elders W. Brindle, and R. T. Monday, Brethern C. L. Carr, D. E. Stockner, J. C. McCraw, with the Moderator and Clerk were elected.

4 It was moved that the Moderator make all other appointments, who appointed Brothers Wm. Johnson, and Jno. H. McCraw, sr. as a committee on finance, also Bros. J. C. McCraw, W. D. Vaughan, C. A. Martin, with the messengers of this church to select preachers during the Association, who appointed Elders J. P. Goad, Jno. P. Gardner, and W. H. Atkinson, to preach on Saturday, and Elders Jno. P. Gardner, W. Brindle, and brother C. A. Martin to preach on Sunday. Adjourned till nine o'clock to-morrow.

Saturday, September, 14th 1907

The Association met pursuant to arrangement, with prayer by Elder A. Gardner.

1 Called on committee to report, who reported and were discharged.

2 Called the roll and marked absentees.

3 Called on correspondents to report, who reported and were discharged.

4 Appointed correspondents to Fishers River, Elders W. Brindle, A. Gardner, brothers Sidney Smith, R. S. Creed, W. D. Vaughan; To the Mountain, brother C. L. Carr; To New River, Elders J. P. Goad, W. Brindle and brother C. L. Carr.

5 Called on committee on finance to report, who reported as follows.

Received from the churches		$13.95
Printing and distributing minutes	$9.75	
Paid Clerk	4 20	
Totals	$13.95	$13.95

6 Called on Presbytery, appointed to attend Martin church to report, who reported that the church had recinded their order, calling for a Presbytery to ordain brother Marshall.

7 The Clerk, was appointed Treasurer, and ordered to have seven hundred minutes printed and distributed as usual.

8 Considered the propriety of the Association appointing presbyteries to ordain Ministers or Deacons, and to constitute churches.

9 We the committee, suggest that the churches use their own choice in this matter, whether the church calls a presbytery, or asks the association to appoint it: this suggestion was adopted.

10 It was moved that the Moderator advise the churches in regard to confusion in any church, that the churches strictly adhere to the teaching of the scriptures in the transaction of church business, and that any one, public brother or private member who does not be guided by these scriptures, be dealt with as a transgressor.

11 Elder W. Brindle was appointed to prepare an obituary in memory of Elder Eli Cain, to be presented to the next Association for consideration.

12 Called for the circular letter, which was presented, read and approved, and ordered attached to these minutes.

13 It was ordered that the Clerk, so arrange the names of the churches on the minutes as to do away with the sections. Placing each church name at the head of the list, as due the next Association.

14 On request of Coleman, a presbytery was appointed as follows, Elder W. Brindle, G. P. Allen and A. Gardner, to examine the qualifications of brother J. A. Moxley for the work of the ministry.

15 Resolved; that our next Association be held with the church at Good Hope, twelve miles Southwest of Hillsville, Carroll County, Va. commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1908.

16 Resolved; that we return thanks to God and to the brethern, sisters and friends for their great kindness toward us during our meeting.

17 Resolved; that we now adjourn to time and place of our next meeting. Prayer by Elder W. Brindle.

Elder G. P. ALLEN, Moderator, C. L. WOLTZ, Clerk.

The Preaching.

Friday, Sept. 13th 1907, Floyd Bunn, and H. A. Easter, texts unknown to Clerk. Saturday, Sept. 14th, Elder J. P. Gardner, text; Isaiah, 53rd Chapter, 1st verse; "Who hath believed our report etc." Elder J. P. Goad text; Rom. 10th Chapter, 4th verse, "For Christ is the end of the law for rightiousness etc." Elder W. H. Atkinson, text; 11th Chapter, 1st and 2nd verses of Corrinthians, "Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly etc." Sunday, Sept. 15th, Elder J. P. Gardner text; Zech. 2nd Chapter, 5th verse, "For I, saith the Lord, will be unto her a wall of fire round about etc." Elder W. Brindle, Matthew, 11th Chapter, 28th verse, "Come unto me all ye that labor etc." C. A. Martin, text; Proverbs, 10th Chapter, 12th verse, "Love coveneth all sins."

Ordained Ministers

J. D. Vass, ...Fancy Gap, Va.
A. Gardner, ...Fancy Gap, Va.
G. P. Allen, ...Sidna, Va.
Wesley Brindle, ...Cap, Va.
J. P. Goad, ...Cap, Va.
C. C. Phibbs, ...Hillsville, Va.
R. T. Monday, ...Mt. Airy, N. C. R. F. D. NO.3.
Licentiates, R. Hawks, J. L. Walker, J. A. Moxley, M. Larrowe, C. A. Martin, Floyd Bunn.

C. L. WOLTZ, Galax, Va.
Associational Clerk.

DEAR BRETHERN:

As I am appointed to write a circular letter for your consideration, I will call your attention to first Corrinthians; 12th Chapter and 4th verse: Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit. Paul speaking of those gifts; says he would not have us ignorant. He says, "No man speaking by the spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed" and that, "No man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost" And now remember Brethern, there is to be no schism in the body. And we being many members are one body. We feel sure there is not one member but what has a gift, and these are all to profit with all; While we see many claiming the gift to preach that does not seem to profit, it should be evidence to us it is not of the Lord. But some one will say, "he did very well" and this is often his special friend that never looks to see if he fills the qualification of an Elder. See Titus: first Chapter: "Now the Scriptures are able to make us wise unto salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus." The servant is to take heed unto himself and the doctrine, In so doing save himself and them that hear him: And now brethern, has'nt nearly all the troubles in the Church come through unqualified preachers, if so, then is it not time to awake to this important subject?

I wish to notice some other gifts; Some have the gift of healing, this is one blessed with much patience, which can reason with a brother that is hurt, instructing him how Christ gave his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethern. There is some gifts of miracles: this is one blessed with such wisdom that men take knowledge of them that they have been with Jesus seeing they are ignorant and unlearned. And now Paul tells us to "covet the best gifts, and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way;" this he describes as being charity, which is the foundation of all the service of God, for God is love, and he that loveth not, knoweth not God. And now may love and peace abound with us all, Amen.

J. D. VASS

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CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Church Meetings	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Good Hope	J. D. Vass, D. E. Stockner, Noah Beamer	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	43	1.30
Martin	C. A. Martin, W. L. Marshall, I. Quisenberry	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	21	1.25
Round Peak	W. D. Vaughan, R. S. Creed, James Collins	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	19	.90
Coleman	C. L. Carr, J. A. Moxley, Stephen Payne	4	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	32	1.05
Meadow Creek	Fielden Rector, E. W. Lundy, Wm. Higgins	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	1.25
Mt. Lebanon	J. P. Goad, W. L. Hill, C. L. Woltz	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	38	1.50
Flower Gap	W. A. Johnson, A. J. Cagle, Jno. H. McCraw, sr.	1	0	1	3	0	0	2	1	1	47	1.70
Crooked Creek	W. Brindle, W. S. Stoneman, J. H. Higgins	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	2	63	1.30
Zion Hill	R. T. Mondy, Phillip Center, M. P. Spencer.	2	1	0	7	0	0	2	1	0	36	1.35
Elk Spur	A. Gardner, G. P. Allen, J. C. McCraw	2	2	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	30	.90
Chestnut Grove	E. M. Easter, D. C. Combs, G. W. Hawks	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	6	0	28	1.45
	Total	7	7	20	6	0	6	9	7	370	13.95	

Absentees, I. Quisenberry, E. W. Lundy

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MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Third Annual Session

OF THE

ZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

THE CHURCH AT CROOKED CREEK

CARROLL COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

September 19, 20 and 21, 1924

Friday, September 19, 1924

The Association met according to arrangements with praise and prayer by Elder J. M. Crouse, a correspondent from Roaring River Association. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. Runyon, a correspondent from Elk Horn Association.

After the usual intermission messengers from the several churches composing the Association, together with correspondents and visitors from Sister Associations, met in the house and the Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder Leander DeHart, a visitor from Smiths River Association.

1. Received and read letters from all the churches and seated their messengers for the transaction of business.

2. Organized by electing Elder G. P. Allen moderator and H. F. Branscom clerk.

3. Called for and seated correspondents as follows: From Fishers River—Elders W. C. Brooks, J. C. Dunbar and Bro. W. A. Dunbar. Roaring River—Elders J. M. Crouse R. T. Monday and Bro. J. W. Lyon. Elk Horn—Elders A. Runyon, G. W. Sizemore and Ruben Hawks.

4. Called for and received visitors as follows: From Fishers River—Elders R. H. Riggins, James Creed, Brethren John Payne, H. R. Key, Robert Stoneman and John Nichols. Roaring River—Elder M. P. Spencer. Smith's River Elder Leander DeHart and Bro. Daniel Quesinberry.

5. Minutes were received from the following Associations: Fishers River, Salem, Roaring River, Mayo, Senter, White Oak, Black Creek, Kehukee, Abbots Creek, Elk Horn.

6. It was moved and carried that the moderator make all temporary appointments, who appointed Elders W. C. Brooks and Leander DeHart to the stand.

7. Committee on arrangements: Elders W. F. Bunn, J. F. Fulk, Isaac Quesinberry, J. A. Moxley, Bro. M. W. Nooncaster, with the moderator and clerk.

8. Committee to appoint preachers for this session: Brethren A. M. Jennings and J. C. McCraw, with the messengers of this church, who selected Elders M. P. Spencer, R. T. Monday, J. M. Crouse, James Creed and J. C. Dunbar for Saturday; Elders G. W. Sizemore, Leander DeHart, W. C. Brooks, James Creed and A. Runyon for Sunday.

9. Elders J. D. Easter and Bro. J. G. Snow were appointed as a committee to appoint correspondents to

Sister Associations, who appointed Elders J. R. Cruise, H. A. Easter, J. P. Gardner, G. P. Allen and Bro. H. F. Branscom to Fishers River Association. Elders G. P. Allen, J. D. Easter, W. F. Bunn and Bro. C. M. Callaway to Elk Horn Association. Elders G. P. Allen, W. Brindle, J. P. Gardner, J. F. Fulk and Bro. H. F. Branscom to Roaring River Association.

10. Committee on finance: Brethren H. P. Stoneman and Franklin Payne.

11. Adjourned until 9:00 tomorrow.

Saturday, September 20, 1924

The Association met with praise and prayer by Elder J. F. Fulk.

1. The request of Elk Horn Association asking to take up correspondence with Zion Association was granted and the moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to their messengers.

2. Called on committee on arrangements to report, who reported and were discharged.

3. Called the roll and marked absentees.

4. Called on correspondents to report. Report received and correspondents discharged.

5. Called on committee on finance to report, who reported as follows:

Received from the churches $20.55. Received from Elder Ruben Hawks $ .50. Report received and the committee discharged.

6. After paying for printing of minutes and postage, clerk allowed remainder.

7. The Association ordered the clerk to have 700 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

8. Reading the rules of decorum and articles of faith omitted.

9. Called on committee appointed to appoint preachers for this session to report. Report received and committee discharged.

10. Appointed Elders J. F. Fulk, J. D. Easter and J. P. Gardner a presbytery to attend Elk Spur church and ordain Bro. Ruben Leftwich to the work of the ministry if found orthodox.

11. Elder J. F. Fulk was appointed to write a circular letter to be attached to our next minutes.

12. Resolved that the next session of the Association be held with the church at Zion Hill, Surry County, N. C., 10 miles west of Mt. Airy, N.C., commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1925.

13. Resolved that we return thanks to God for his mercies, and to the brethren, sisters and friends for their kindness and hospitalites during this meeting.

14. On motion these minutes were read and approved.

15. Resolved that we now adjourn to time and place of our next meeting.

16. Prayer by Elder J. P. Gardner.

Elder G. P. Allen, Moderator.
H. F. Branscom, Clerk.

PREACHING

FRIDAY—Prayer by Elder J. M. Crouse, a correspondent from Roaring River Association. Elder A. Runyon preached the introductory sermon. Text: I Corinthians, 15 : 3, "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." After noon Elders W. C. Brooks and Leander DeHart preached at the stand. Elder Brooks, from Ps. 140 : 12, "I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor." Elder DeHart from I Cor. 1 : "Paul called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God."

SATURDAY—Bro. Wiley Hudson, from the Mountain Association, introduced by prayer.

First, Elder M. P. Spencer. Text: Romans I : 16. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

Second, Elder R. T. Monday. Text: "What God doeth is forever done."

Third, Elder J. M. Crouse. Text: I Cor. 3 : 11, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Fourth, Elder J. M. Creed. Text: "Thine they were; thou gavest them me."

Fifth, Elder J. C. Dunbar. No special scripture used.

SUNDAY—Elder W. F. Bunn introduced by prayer. Elder G. W. Sizemore followed, failed to get text.

Second, Elder Leander DeHart. Text: "In that day there shall be a fountain opened" ect.

Third, Elder W. C. Brooks. Text: "Why seek ye the living among the dead?"

Fourth, Elder James Creed. Text: "There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God."

Fifth, Elder A. Runyon. Text: "By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent."

OFFICERS

ELDER G. P. ALLEN, Moderator.....Galax, Virginia
H. F. BRANSCOM, Clerk..... Fancy Gap, Virginia

ORDAINED MINISTERS

G. P. ALLEN ....Galax, Virginia
W. BRINDLE .....Cap, Virginia
J. P. GARDNER ....Cap, Virginia
J. A MOXLEY ..... Galax, Virginia
W. F. BUNN .....Fancy Gap, Virginia
J. H. W. HORSLEY ....Cap, Virginia
J. F. FULK .....Round Peak, N. C.
H. A. EASTER .. ..Mount Airy, N. C.
J. D. EASTER ....Mount Airy, N. C.
J. R. CRUISE .....Fany Gap, Virginia
ISAAC QUESINBERRY .....Fancy Gap, Virginia

LICENTIATES

RUBEN LEFTWICH .....Fancy Gap, Virginia
FLOYD M. TOLBERT .....Cana, Virginia

Church Clerks, Post Offices and Number of Minutes to Each

Zion Hill	Phillip Senter	Mount Airy. N. C	30
Elk Spur	L. H. Easter	Fancy Gap, Va	40
Good Hope.	H. P. Stoneman	Cap, Va.	15
Chestnut Grove	Alex Lowe	Lambsburg, Va	28
Martin	W. C. Marshall	Gladesboro, Va	25
Mountain View	M. W. Nooncaster	The Hollow, Va.	12
Round Peak	W. H. Collins	Round Peak, N. C	25
Coleman	E. B Davis	Pipers Gap, Va.	35
Mt. Lebanon	H. F.Branscom	Fancy Gap, Va.	25
Flower Gap	J. H. McCraw	Mount Airy, N. C	60
Crooked Creek	W. S. Stoneman	Cap, Va	65

Distribution of Minutes among Sister Associations

ASSOCIATION	CLERK	POST OFFICE	NO. MIN.
Fishers River	Elder F. P. Stone	Francisco, N. C	25
Mayo	S. G. Dobyns	Claudeville, Va	30
Salem	W. L. Teague	Winston-Salem, N. C.	12
Roaring River	J. D. Hall	Halls Mills, N. C	15
Senter	J. F. Hartzog	Idlewild, N. C	15
Little River	J. A. T. Jones	McCullers, N. C	25
White Oak	Henry Horne	Willmington, N. C	25
Abbotts Creek	A. L. Owens	Salisbury, N. C	18
Black Creek	Elder E. L. Cobb	Wilson, N. C	25
Kehukee	Elder B. S. Cowing	Williamston, N.C., R, 2	40
Ebenezer	W. L. Carpenter	Brightwood, Va	20
Pig River	Elder E. L. Blankenship	Boone Mill, Va	30
Elk Horn	Elder Ruben Hawks	Ep, Kentucky	10
Upper Ctry. Line	Elder J. W. Gilliam	Altamahaw, N. C	10
Lower Ctry. Line	J. H. Gooch	Stem, N. C	10
Salisbury	J. C. Mellott	Salisbury, Md	10

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Sun. of Church Meetings	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
Zion Hill	W P Johnson*, Phillip Senter, C M Callaway			4						1	24	$ 2.00
Elk Spur	G P Allen, W F Bunn, J C McCraw	2	1	2	1					1	40	2.00
Good Hope	H P Stoneman, W W Sumner, B E Melton			4							13	1.50
Chestnut Grove	Alex Lowe*, J G Snow, G W Spencer*			3	1						27	1.70
Mountain View	M W Nooncaster, John Eaton*, C S Gates*			3	3						12	1.25
Martin	Isaac Quesinberry, H E Largen, D M Quesinberry	1		3	3		2			2	25	1.65
Round Peak	J F Fulk, W H Collins*, Sidney Smith	1		1				1			23	2.00
Coleman	A M Jenuings, E B Davis* J A Moxley	1		4						1	35	. . . .
Mt. Lebanon	J R Cruise, J P Gardner, H F Branscom	2		1						1	23	2.15
Flower Gap	H Easter, J D Easter, Valentine Easter	2	1	1	2		1		1		59	2.65
Crooked Creek	J H W Horsley, J H Higgins, C C Edwards	2	1	2	4					1	63	2.00

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OF THE

ZION

Primitive Baptist

Association

HELD WITH

The Church at Mountain View

Patrick County, Virginia

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

September 13, 14 and 15, 1929

OFFICERS

ELDER G. P. ALLEN, ...Moderator
Galax, Virginia

A. M. JENNINGS,.....Clerk
Elkin, North Carolina

PROCEEDINGS

Friday, September 13, 1929

The Association met according to arrangements with Mountain View Church with singing and prayer by Elder R. F. Leftwich of the Zion Association. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder N. B. Gilbert, a visitor from Mayo Association. No special text.

After the usual intermission messengers from the several churches composing the Zion Association. together with correspondents and visitors from sister associations, met in the house and the Association was opened by singing and prayer by Elder W. H Atkinson, a messenger from Fishers River Association.

1. Called for church letters, received and read letters from the following churches: Coleman, Zion Hill, Round Peak, Crooked Creek, Good Hope, Flower Gap, Elk Spur, Mountain View and Mt. Lebanon.

2. On motion and second all letters were received and all messengers were seated. Messengers and visitors from sister associations were seated with us for the transaction of business.

3. Organized by electing Elder G. P. Allen, Moderator, and A. M. Jennings, Clerk.

4. Called for and seated correspondents as follows:

From Fishers River—Elders W. C. Brooks, W. H. Atkinson and J. S. Morrison. From Roaring River—No messengers or visitors. From Elk Horn—Elder G. W. Sizemore and A. J. Mullens.

5. Visitors from sister associations as follows:

Fishers River—G. W. Wilson and S. T. Atkinson. From Elk Horn —Elders J. A. Tilley, S. F. Collins, Bro. H. E. Mullens and sister Harriett Mullens. From Mayo—Elder N. B. Gilbert, Bro. W. H. Freeman.

6. Petitionary letters were called for. None received.

7. On motion the correspondents and visitors from sister associations were seated and invited to aid in council.

8. Corresponding minutes were received from the following associations: Kehukee, Roaring River, Abbotts Creek, Smiths River, Elk Horn, Black Creek, Fishers River, Bear Creek, Little River, Mayo and Mountain.

9, It was moved and second that the moderator make all temporary appointments, who appointed committee on arrangements: Elders J. D. Easter, George Berrier, R. T. Monday, W. F. Bunn, Bro. John Eaton, with Moderator and Clerk.

10. Finance Committee, Brthren Martin Sumner, W. H. Collins.

11. Committee on Preaching: Bro. Preston Stoneman, Phillip Senter, with the Messengers of this church.

12. Comittee to appoint correspondents to sister associations. Elder W. Brindle and Bro. Lee Hill, who appointed as follows: To Fishers River, Elders G. P. Allen, R. T. Monday and W. Brindle. Elkhorn: Elders J. D. Easter, R.T. Monday, George Berrier and Bro. L. H. Easter. Roaring River: Elders R. F. Leftwich, J. D. Easter, W. F. Bunn and Floyd Tolbert.

13. Moved and seconded that we adjourn until nine o'clock Saturday morning.

Saturday, September 14, 1929

The Association met according to adjournment with singing and prayer by Elder R. T. Monday of the Zion Association.

1. Called on Committee on arrangements to report, who reported and were discharged.

2. Called the roll and marked absentees.

3. Called on correspondents who visited sister associations to report. Reports satisfactory. Those failing to attend were excused.

4. Called on Committee on Finance, who reported as follows: Received from the churches and brethren $22.35. Report received and committee discharged.

5. Called on committee appointed to appoint preachers for this session to report, Report received and committee discharged.

6. The Association ordered the Clerk to have 600 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

7. After paying for printing and mailing minutes, Clerk to have remainder.

8. On motion read Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.

9. On motion, by request of Flower Gap church asking the Association to appoint someone to write the obituary of Elder H. A. Easter, Elder W. Brindle was appointed to write it to be attached to our next minutes.

10. Called the attention of the Association to the request of J. D. Ayers and W. C. Marshall asking the Association to send a presbytery to Martin church for their relief. Elders G. P. Allen, R. T. Monday, J. D. Easter and W. F. Bunn were appointed.

11. The Association appointed Elder W. Brindle to write Circular Letter to be attached to our next minutes.

12. On motion we recommend that we have our Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith printed in these minutes.

13. The attention of the Association was called to the conduct of Chestnut Grove Church and on motion moved and seconded that we drop Chestnut Grove Church from our Statistical Table.

14. Called the attention of the Assocsation to the request of the churches asking the Association to withdraw from the disorder that is manifested in the Association. We grant the request of the churches. Moved and seconded that we withdraw fellowship from J R. Cruise and all his followers for tearing up our churches, to-wit:— Chestnut Grove, Crooked Creek, Mt. Lebanon, Martin and Mountain View; taking a part of members off with him, receiving excluded members into what is commonly called "Cruise's Church." We also request our sister associations with whom we correspond to withdraw from the said J. R. Cruise and his followers; and also sincerely request our sister associations to consider the propriety of preaching Elders who are coming in our midst and preaching in and with this disorder.

15. The request from Round Peak Church asking for the next session of Zion Association was granted, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1930, in Surry County, North Carolina, 12 miles west of Mt. Airy, N. C.

16. Resolved that we return thanks to God for his mercies and to the brethren, sisters and friends for their kindness and hospitalty during this meeting.

17. On motion these minutes were read and approved.

18. Resolved that we now adjourn to the time and place of our next meeting.

19. Prayer by Elder W. C. Brooks.

(Signed) ELD. G. P. ALLEN, Moderator.
A. M. JENNINGS, Clerk.

PREACHING

FRIDAY—Singing, followed with prayer by Elder R. F. Leftwich. Introductory sermon preached by Eld. N. B. Gilbert from Mayo Association. No special text. Clerk failed to get the names of preachers sent to the stand.

SATURDAY—1. W.H. Freeman, Text, "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." 2. S. F. Collins, Text, "The holy prophets spake as they were moved by the holy ghost." 3. Elder J. A. Tilley. 4. W. C. Brooks, Text, "Who hath believed our report."

SUNDAY—Singing and prayer by Eld. W. F. Bunn. 1. Eld. J. A. Mullins, from Elk Horn Association, Text, "Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set." Pro. 22 : 28. 2. Eld. G. W. Sizemore, Text—in Paul's writing—"Let every soul be subject to the light," etc. 3. Elder W. C. Brooks from Fishers River Association. No special text used. 4. Elder R. T. Monday, Text, "A spring shut up." etc. Sol.

Thus closed another session of the Zion Association in peace and love. The preaching was good and no signs of discord, but in perfect harmony. Where love exists there is peace, for which we feel thankful to the good Lord.—*Clerk*.

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9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but the title of Brother.

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11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same prive

ilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be-filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only True and Living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God and the only Rule of Faith and Practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
4 We believe in the doctrine of Eternal Particular Election.
5, We believe in man's impotentcy to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own will and ability.
6 We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed Righteuosness of Christ.
7. We believe that God's Elect shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
8. We believe the Saints are kept by the power of God through the faith unto Salvation ready to be revealed at the last time.
9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the subjects of these ordinances, and we believe that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment.
11. We believe the joys of the Righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
12. We believe that no Minister has a right to the administration of the Ordinances, only such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS

G. P. ALLEN ..... Galax, Virginia
W. BRINDLE ..... Woodlawn, Virginia
W. F. BUNN ..... Fancy Gap, Virginia
J. D. EASTER ..... Mt Airy, North Carolina
R. T. MONDAY ..... R. 6, Mt. Airy, North Carolina
R. F. LEFTWICH ..... Galax, Virginia
FLOYD M. TOLBERT ..... Cana, Virginia
GEORGE BERRIER ..... Mt. Airy, North Carolina

LICENTIATES

None .....

Churches, Clerks, Post Offices, and No. of Minutes Each

Church	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Elk Spur	L. H. Easter	Fancy Gap, Va	40
Good Hope	H. P. Stoneman	Fancy Gap, Va	20
Martin	W. C. Marshall	Snake Creek, Va	10
Mountain View	W. A. Belton	The Hollow, Va	20
Round Peak	W. H. Collins	Round Peak, N. C	30
Coleman	E. B. Davis	Pipers Gap, Va	35
Mt. Lebanon	J. M. Easter	Fancy Gap, Va	10
Flower Gap	Valentine Easter	Mount Airy, N. C	70
Crooked Creek	M. D. Sumner	Woodlawn, Va	20
Zion Hill	Phillip Senter	Mount Airy, N. C	35

Distribution of Minutes to Sister Associations

Association	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Fishers River	Elder F. P. Stone	Francisco, N. C	25
Mayo	S. G. Dobyns	Claudeville, Va	20
Roaring River	J. M. Crouse	Halls Mills, N. C	10
White Oak	Henry Horn	Willimington, N. C	20
Abbotts Creek	T. R. Freeman	Steeds, N. C	20
Black Creek	Eld. E. L. Cobb	Wilson, N. C	20
Kehuke e	B. S. Cowin	Williamston, N. C	20
Ebenezer	O. F. Carpenter	Brightwood, Va	20
Elk Horn	Amos Toliver	Maben, W. Va	20
Staunton River	Eld. W. R. Dodd	Whitmell, Va	20
Lower Country Line	J. H. Gooch	Stem, N. C	20
Bear Creek	J. W. Jones	Peachland, N. C	20

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Round Peak	J. R. Bowden, Sidney Smith,† W. H. Collins	1	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	1	16	$ 1.10
Coleman	E.B.Davis,* F.K.Pain,* A.M.Jennings, W.R.Hawks* alt.	3	.	.	..	..	..	..	1	1	25	2.00
Martin	J. D. Ayers, W. C. Marshall	3	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	....
Mt. Lebanon	J. M. Easter, R. M. Easter	1	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	....
Flower Gap	J.D.Easter, Geo. Berrier, R.T.Monday, Valentine Easter*	1	4	.	3	1	1	..	2	3	53	3.50
Crooked Creek	Eld. Wesley Brindle, M. D. Sumner, O. P. Flinchum, H. L. Sumner, alt.	1	1	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....
Zion Hill	Phillip Senter, G.C.Thomas, W.P.Johnson,†A.Easter* alt.	4	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	2	9	1.50
Elk Spur	Eld. G. P. Allen, W. E. Bunn, W. L. Hill, L.H.Easter, alt.	2	3	.	1	..	..	1	..	..	19	2.00
Good Hope	H. P. Stoneman, W. W. Sumner, S. N. Sumner, B. E. Melton, alt.	4	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	1	34	2.00
Mountain View	John Eaton, W. A. Belton, C. S. Gates, Sister L. E. Marshall, alt.	3	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	2.25
	Absentees *†										11	2.35

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MINUTES

OF THE

Thirtieth Annual Session

OF THE

ZION

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Church at Coleman

Carroll County, Virginia

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

September 18, 19 and 20, 1931

OFFICERS

ELDER G. P. ALLEN, ...Moderator
Galax, Virginia

A. M. JENNINGS, ...Clerk
Elkin, North Carolina

PROCEEDINGS

Friday, September 18, 1931

The Association met according to arrangements with Coleman Church, Carroll County, Va. with singing and prayer by Elder G. P. Allen, Moderator. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder M. P. Spencer, a messenger from Roaring River Association. Text,"Jesus says I am the way, the truth and the life."

After a short intermission the messengers from the several churches, composing the Zion Association, together with messengers and visitors from sister Associations assembled in the house and the Association was opened by singing, and prayer by Eld. A. J. Mullens, a messenger from Elkhorn Association.

1. Called for church letters. Received and read letters from the following churches: Coleman, Zion Hill, Crooked Creek, Good Hope, Mt. Lebanon, Elk Spur, Mountain View, and Flower Gap.

2. On motion and second all letters were received and all messengers were seated. Messengers and visitors from sister Association were seated with us for the transaction of business.

3 Organized by electing Eld. G. P. Allen, Moderator, and A. M. Jennings, Clerk.

4 Called for and seated correspondents as follows:
From Roaring River—Eld. M. P. Spencer, Bro. J. T. Choate, and visitor, Bro. Willey Hudson. From Elk Horn Association — Cor. Elds. A. J. Mullens, J. A. Tilley, visitors, Elds. Otto Tilley, W. B. Tilley, S. P. Mitchum, Bro. H. E. Mullens, Bro. H. Farley, and Sister Nancy A. Mitchum.

5. Called for correspondents and visitors from any other Associations that we correspond with by minutes. None answered

6. Petitionary letters called for. Received letter with messenger from Fishers Gap Church, asking to join the Zion Association. We received them into our Association.

7. On motion the correspondents and visitors from sister Associations were seated and invited to aid in council.

8. It was agreed, by the Association, that the Moderator make all temporary appointments of committees. Committee on arrangements: Elds. J. D. Easter, W. F. Bunn, Brethren E. B. Davis, Legrand Sumner, John Eaton with moderator and clerk.

9. Finance committee: Brethren F. K. Payne and Phillip Senter.

10. Committee on preaching: Bro. H. P. Stoneman, Eld. R. S. Leftwich with messengers of Coleman Church.

11. Committee to appoint correspondents to sister Associations: Eld. George Berrier and Bro. J. M. Easter.

12. Moved and seconded that we adjourn to meet at nine o'clock Saturday morning.

Saturday, September 19, 1931

The Association met according to adjournment with singing,and prayer by Eld. J. A. Tilley, a messenger from Elk Horn Association.

1. Called on committee on arrangements to report, who reported and were discharged.

2. Called the roll of messengers and marked absentees as shown in statistical table.

3. Called on correspondents, who were appointed to visit sister Associations, to report. Report received of them who attended and excused those, who did not attend.

4. Called on committee on finance, who reported $16.00 received from the churches and committee discharged.

5. Called on committee to appoint preachers for this session. Report received and committee discharged.

6. The Association ordered the clerk to have 400 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

7. After paying for printing and mailing minutes, clerk to have remainder.

8. Omitted reading the Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith, but have them printed in these minutes.

9. Called for circular letter, which the Association appointed Eld. G. P. Allen to write, but he failed to write one and was excused. The Association appointed Eld. R. T. Monday to write a circular letter to be attached to our minutes of our next Association, 1932.

10. As to request of Flower Gap Church in regard to request of sister Filena Spencer, asking for membership in Flower Gap Church, that we ask her to come to our next Association with her witnessess for her relief.

11. Notice that we, the Zion Association, drop Martin Church from our statistical table.

12. Messengers from Flower Gap Church ask for the next Association. Moved and seconded that we hold our next Association with Flower Gap Church, in Carroll County, Va., 12 miles west of Mt. Airy, N. C., beginning on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in September 1932.

13. Committee to appoint correspondents to sister Associations. Appointed to Elk Horn Association: Elds. J D. Easter, G. P. Allen, Brethren L. H. Easter and Valentine Easter. Appointed to Roaring River Association: Elds W. F. Bunn, K. S. Leftwich and J. D. Easter.

14. Resolved: that we return thanks to God for his mercies and thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of the comunity for their kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

15. On motion these minutes were read and approved.

16. Resolved: that we now adjourn to time and place of our next Association as set forth herein.

17. The Association closed with singing, and prayer by Elder W. F. Bunn.

Signed: ELD. G. P. ALLEN, Moderator.

A. M. JENNINGS, Clerk.

Order of Preaching

SATURDAY

1. Elder W. R. Tilley..... ..... No Special text
2. Bro. Wiley Hudson ....John 17
3. Elder M. P. Spencer ....Proverbs 3 : 3
4. Elder S. P. Mitchum.....No Special Text
5. Elder W. C. Brooks..... ....No Special Text
6. Elder A. J. Mullens..... . ...Romans 9 : 11

SUNDAY MORNING

Singing and Prayer by Elder M. P. Spencer.

1. Elder S. P. Mitchum, St. John 1. "In the beginning was the word and the word was with God, etc."
2. Elder J. A. Tilley ....Isaiah. 10 : 15
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Elder J. D. Easter..... Mt. Airy, North Carolina
Elder R. T. Monday.....R. 6, Mt. Airy, North Carolina
Elder R. S. Leftwich.....Fancy Gap, Virginia
Elder Floyd M. Tolbert..... .....Cana, Virginia
Elder George Berrier.....Mt. Airy, North Carolina
Elder J. F. Fulks.....Address not known
Elder W. C. Brooks.....R.F.D., Dobson, North Carolina

Licentiates

None.....

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Mt. Lebanon	J. M. Easter	Woodlawn, Va.	05
Flower Gap	Valentine Easter	R 6, Mt. Airy, N.C.	40
Zion Hill	Phillip Senter	R.6, Mt. Airy, N. C.	15
Crooked Creek	M. P. Sumner	Woodlawn, Va.	10
Fishers Gap	Mahlen Lowe	Low Gap, N. C.	35

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Fishers Gap ...	Samuel Lowe, Mahlen Lowe, Lee Lowe, alt. Berlie Lowe....	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	32	1.30
Mt. Lebanon ..	J. M. Easter, R. M. Easter.....	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.25
Crooked Creek.	M.D.Sumner, Legrand Sumner, H.L. Sumner, alt. P.Flinchum*	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	2.00
Zion Hill.....	Phillip Senter, W. P. Johnson, G. C. Thomas	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	20	2.50
Elk Spur	G. P. Allen, W. F. Bunn, R. S. Leftwich, alt. Lee Hill.....	2	3	.	.	.	.	2	3	29	1.60
Good Hope	H.P.Stonema, B.E.Melton, F. F.Stoneman, alt. W.M. Hawks	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	2.00
Mountain View	John Eaton, W. A. Belton, sister S. E. Marshall*.....	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	1.10
Round Peak ...	Sidney Smith, (seated) No letter.....	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0.00
Coleman	E. B. Davis, F. R. Payne, A. M. Jennings, alt. W. R. Hawks.. Absentee mark*	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22	1.35

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Primitive Baptist Association

— Held with —

ROUND PEAK CHURCH

Surry County, North Carolina

September 15, 16, 17,

1950

Next session convenes with Flower Gap Church, located 12 miles northwest of Mt. Airy, N. C., beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1951.

Officers

ELDER G. P. ALLEN - Moderator, Galax, Virginia.
E. G. McKINNEY - Clerk, Rt. 3. Mt. Airy, North Carolina

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Proceedings

OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ZION ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH ROUND PEAK CHURCH,

September 15, 16, 17, 1950

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1950.

Services were opened with song and prayer by Elder R. C. Bell, from Elkhorn Association. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. F. Sumner from New River Association, text, Eph. 2:12.

The business then proceeded as follows:

Agreed that the Moderator appoint all Committees which wer appointed as follows: On Arrangements: Elder J. W. Beasley, A. M. McCraw, Lee Hill; On Preaching, E. G. McKinney, Elder J. W. Beasley, Brother Lee Hill, and Brother A. M. McCraw; On Finance: Brother Isaac McCraw and Brother J. M. Easter.

2. The Committee on Preaching reported. Committee discharged.

3. Called for Circular Letter, which was read and adopted. Elder G. P. Allen was appointed to write the Circular Letter for next year.

4. Appointed correspondonts to sister Associations as follows:

Elkhorn—Elder Combs, Brothers L. H. Easter, Brother Hawks.
New River—Elder J. D. Easter, Brother Isaac McCraw.
Smith River—Brethren L. H., and J. M. Easter.
Lower Mayo—E. G. McKinney, L. H. Easter.
Laurel Springs—Isaac McCraw, E. G. McKinney.

5. Agreed that the next session of this Association be held with Flower Gap Church, Carrol County, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1951.

6. On motion agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning. Closed by song and prayer by Elder G. P. Allen.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1950.

Called for correspondence as follows:

Laurel Springs—Brother E. Z. Lowe, Brother O. P. Flinchum and wife, Brother Tom Hall, and wife, Brother J. M. Branch and wife, Elder Joe Boles and wife ,and others.

Lower Mayo—None.

Elkhorn—Brother E. C. Hawks and wife.

New River—Brother J. B. Banks and others.

After intermission conference was opened with song and prayer by Elder G. P. Harris.

Called for and read the letters from the churches; the messengers were seated and enrolled in the Statistical Table.

On motion, Elder G. P. Allen was chosen as Moderator, E. G. Mckinney as Clerk.

The Moderator announced the Association organized and invited brethren and messengers from sister Associations to seats as follows:

New River—Elders J. F. Sumner, G. P. Harris, and others.

Laurel Springs—Elder J. W. Beasley, Brother J. H. Sykes, Brother Newman, and wife.

Lower Mayo—Elder Layton Wingfield.

Smith River—Elder S. D. Koger, Brother W. A. Casell and wife. Elkhorn—Brother Hawks.

Mates Creek—Elder R. C. eBll.

Pocatalico—Elder J. C. Hammond, Sister Lottie Bird.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1950.

Met pursuant to adjournment, with song and prayer by Elder Layton Wingfield.

7. Called roll of messengers and marked absentees in Table.

8. Called for and received Committee reports as follows:

9. On Arrangements: The report was received.

10. On Preaching: Reported up till this time.

11. On Finance:

RECEIPTS:

Received from churches	$30.71

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing and mailing Minutes	$18.00

Allowed for Clerk balance left after printing and mailing Minutes.

12. Reports received and Committees discharged.

13. Agreed that the Clerk have 300 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed to our churches and correspondents.

14. Read and approved Minutes.

Resolved that we return thanks to God for His continued mercies and also to the brethren, sisters and kind friends of this community for the hospitable manner in which they cared for this Association.

Resolved that we omit reading the Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith, and also that we omit having them printed in the Minutes for this time.

15. On motion agreed to adjourn to time and place of our next session, the Lord willing. Dismissed by song, and benediction by Elder J. W. Beasley.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear brethren and sisters of the Zion Association: Most one year has passed since our last Association, and they appointed me to write a Circular Letter. Feeling so weak and out of place, and wondering just what to write that would be of any benefit or comfort, and I am sure if God does not direct my mind, it will be a failure. But someway I have a desire to pray to God that we have peace and fellowship in the Old Primitive Baptists, and that God may soften our hard and stoney hearts, and forgive me a poor sinner, and all the children of God that we may dwell together in peace and love whenever and

wherever we may meet together and especially during our Association. I know by the path and the way that I have been that it is not in man to direct his steps, but God, the God of all grace, who is full of love and understanding, has to keep us on the right path or we will surely go astray. I do know that I am a continual beggar, and I am sure that God has the power to reconcile us when it is His will to do so.

I am confident that what God does is done right. He works and none can hinder, and He also hinders and none can work, but when it pleases Him and He quickens us with that Holy Spirit, things look different. I try in the most humble manner to thank God for His kindness and mercy, and I cannot do this without it please Him. So as I bring these few remarks to a close, my prayer is that God will still remember you all, and when you get down in your humble petitions, if not asking too much, please remember me.

I hope God's lovingkindness and mercy will remain with you all.

You will read in His written word, Come let us reason together. He has so far blessed me to that end.

Your brother in hope.

—E. G. McKINNEY

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday p. m:

1—Elder S. D. Koger, no special text.
2—Elder R. C. Bell, no text.
3—Elder Layton Wingfield Luke 23:2.

Saturday a. m.

1—Elder J. C. Hammond, Psa. 137:4.
2—Elder G. P. Harris Esther 4:

Saturday p. m.

1—Elder Joe Boles, no special text.
2—Elder Jacob Mosely, no special text.

Sunday a. m.

1—Elder J. D. Easter, singing and prayer.
2—Elder R. L. Spencer, no special text.
3—Elder Layton Wingfield, no special text.
4—Elder J. W. Beasley, no special text.

Closed by our Moderator, Elder G. P. Allen.

DSTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Elk Spur—J. M. Easter, Rt. 1, Hillsville, Va. 50
Flower Gap—A. M. McCraw, Rt. 5, Mt. Airy, N. C. 50
Round Peak—E. G. McKinney, Rt. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C. 20

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

New River—G. B. Phillips, Indian Valley, Va. 20
Elkhorn—Elder C. A. Marshall, Welch, W. Va. 20
Smith River—Elder J. G. L. Hash, Rt. 3, Ferrum, Va. 20
Lower Mayo—Eld. Zeb Rhodes, Rt. 4, Kivett, Dr., High Point, N. C. 20
Pigg River—Elder John D. Wood, Rt. 5, Baltimore 7, Md. 20
Abbott's Creek—Jesse Trogdon, Ashboro, N. C. 20
Laurel Springs—E. R. Sneed, State Road, N. C. 20
Bear Creek—T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C. 15
Salem—Elder Z. L. Rhue, Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C. 20

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Flower Gap	Elder J. D. Easter A. M. McCraw, Isaaac McCraw, Daniel Marion, alt.	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	23	$12.20
Elk Spur	J. M. Easter, Elder G. P. Allen, W. L. Hill, L. H. Easter, alt.	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	35	11.01
Round Peak	Eld. J. W. Beasley, E. G., and Sisters McKinney, Annie Flippen alt. ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	7.00

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Primitive Baptist Association

— Held with —

FLOWER GAP CHURCH

September 14, 15, 16,

1951

Next session to be held with Elk Spur Church, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1952.

Officers

ELDER G. P. ALLEN - Moderator, Galax, Virginia.
E. G. McKINNEY - Clerk, Rt. 3, Mount Airy, N. C.

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Proceedings

OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT FLOWER GAP, CARROLL COUNTY, VIRGINIA, SEPTEMBER, 14, 15, 16, 1951.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1951.

Services opened with song and prayer by Elder B. O. Thompson from the Smith River Association. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder G. P. Harris from the New River Association. Text, I am determined to know nothing among you save Jesus and Him crucified.

After one hour intermission, the messengers composing the Zion Association, together with messengers from sister Associations assembled in the house. The Association was opened with singing and prayer by Elder R. L. Spencer from the New River Association.

1. Called for and read letters from the churches of this Association. The messengers were seated and enrolled in the Statistical Table. Called for petitionary letters. None.

2. Called for correspondence from sister Associations:

Laurel Springs: Brother O. P. Flinchum, and wife, Brother Jim Sykes, Brother E. S. Smith, as visitors, and Minutes.

New River: Elder G. P. Harris, Elder Roy Smith, Elder R. L. Spencer; visitors as follows: Brother J. S. Phillips, and others.

Smith River: Elder B. O. Thompson and wife, Brother G. B. Terry and wife, Brother Clarence Surratt, Brother Banks and wife, Brother Tom Tilley.

Elk Horn: Minutes.

Lower Mayo: Minutes. Brother Onis Martin, visitor.

3. Moved and seconded that we elect the same Moderator and Clerk.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

Committee on Finance: Brother Isaac McCraw, Brother J. M. Easter. McCraw, Brother J. M. Easter, and messengers of this church.

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Resolved that we now adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30 a. m.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 15, 1951.

Opened with singing and prayer by Elder G. P. Harris.

We, your Committee on Arrangements find the following business:

1. Called on Committee on Arrangements to report. Report, and Committee discharged.

2. Called the roll and marked absentees.

3. Called for correspondents and visitors:

Laurel Springs: Brother E. M. Goins, Elder Jacob Mosley, Sister E. S. Smith, and other visitors.

Pigg River: Brother Simmons, visitors, with others.

New River: Brother L. C. Boles and wife, Brother Ben Hylton and wife, Brother C. W. Watson and wife, visitors.

Elkhorn: Elder C. R. Rakes, correspondents.

Smith River: Elder S. E. Terry and others.

Lower Mayo: None.

On Sunday we had visitors from:

Smith River: Elder S. E. Terry and others.

New River: Elder J. F. Sumner and others.

Laurel Springs: Elder J. A. Mosley, Brother O. T. Goodson and wife and others.

4. Called on Committee to appoint preachers.

5. Called on Committee on Finance. They reported, and turned in $33.55 from the churches. Report received and Committee discharged.

6. Called for Circular Letter. None written. As Elder G. P. Allen was appointed and failed to write one, he was excused.

7. Appoint correspondents to sister Associations as follows:

Laurel Springs: E. G. McKinney, Isaac McCraw.

Lower Mayo: L. H. Easter, J. M. Easter.

Smith River: J. M. Easter, Isaac McCraw, Elder J. D. Easter.

Elk horn: E. G. McKinney, Isaac McCraw.

8. Agreed to have the same amount of Minutes and distributed as usual.

The request of Elk Spur Church was granted to have the next session of the Zion Association, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1952, the Lord willing.

9. Moved and seconded that we omit the reading of the Rules of Decorum, but have them printed in these Minutes.

10. Appointed Brother J. M. Easter to write a Circular Letter for the next Association.

We agreed that the Clerk make any necessary changes, and after paying for the printing of our Minutes, he have the remainder of funds for his services. Clerk to have 300 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed to our churches and correspondents.

11. Called on correspondents who visited sister Associations and excused those who did not attend.

12. Moved and carried that we omit reading the Minutes.

Resolved that we return thanks to God for His continued mercies and also thanks to our brethren, sisters and kind friends of this community for the hospitable manner in which they cared for this Association.

13. On motion, agreed to adjourn to time and place of our next Association, the Lord willing.

Dismissed by prayer by Elder J. D. Easter.

ELDER G. P. ALLEN, Moderator, Galax, Va.

E. G. McKINNEY, Clerk, Rt. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday:

Elder Roy Smith, no special text.
Elder B. O. Thompson, no special text.

Saturday a. m.

Elder G. P. Harris, no special text.
Elder C. R. Rakes, text, Without Me ye can do nothing.
Elder G. S. Sechriest, text, Fear not, etc.
Elder R. L. Spencer, no special text.

Sunday a. m.

Elder J. A. Mosley, no special text.
Elder C. R. Rakes, John 18:26.
Elder G. S. Sechriest, failed to get text.
Elder J. F. Sumner, Heb. 10:15.

Sunday p. m.

Elder A. L. Presnell, Blessed be God, etc.
Elder R. L. Spencer, no special text.
Elder G. P. Allen, closed.

Next session convenes with Elk Spur Church, God willing, on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1952. Elk Spur Church is located on highway 52, in Carroll County, Virginia, about twelve miles south of Hillsville, Virginia.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Elk Spur—J. M. Easter, Rt. 1, Hillsville, Va. 50
Flower Gap—A. M. McCraw, Rt. 5, Mt. Airy, N. C. 50
Round Peak—E. G. McKinney, Rt. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C. 20

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

New River—G. B. Phillips, Indian Valley, Va. 20
Elg Horn—Elder C. A. Marshall, Welch, W. Va. 20
Smith River—Elder J. G. L. Hash, Rt. 3, Box 50, Ferrum, Va. 20
Lower Mayo—Elder James Gardner, Box 122, Stoneville, N. C. 20
Abbott's Creek—R. L. Comer, Carthage, N. C. 20
Laurel Springs—E. R. Snead, State Road, N. C. 20
Bear Creek—T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C. 15
Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C. 20
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryan, Pink Hill, N. C. 20

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and and closed by prayer.
2. Only one person may speak at a time,, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in the beginning of his speech.
3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration and in no way reflect on any other brother.
4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.
5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.
6. Messenger shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.
7. No messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unless he violate the Rules of Decorum.

8. No messenger shall address another in any other term or apellation than the title of "Brother."

9. The names of the members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association desires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until all the other messengers are through speaking, when he may give his views. After any messenger having the right to speak, may reply to any matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any member who violates any of the Rules of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, who rules all things after His own will, and that He who created all things, is infinite in power, wisdom, knowledge, and goodness, eternal, immortal, invisible, and unchangeable and that this God has revealed Himself in His word under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that there are three that bear witness in earth: the Spirit, and the water, and the blood, and that the three agree in one.

2. We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written word of God, and are a sufficient rule of faith and practice; they are given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

3. We believe that Christ died and made a complete atonement for all who ever did, do now, or ever will believe on His name, and that all who are finally saved were given to Christ in covenant of the Father before the world was, that they should show forth His praise.

4. We believe that all who God did foreknow, He did also predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son; that God elected according to His foreknowledge through the sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. All who are finally saved to an inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled and fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for all true saints, and that none come to Christ only those whom He loved with an everlasting love, and in due time, calls to everlasting glory.

5. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

6. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own will and ability.

7. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

8. We believe that God's elect will be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

9. We believe the saints will persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

10. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only proper subjects of the ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is immersion.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

12. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joys of the righteous everlasting.

13. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called, and have come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

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Round Peak	Eld. J. W. Beasley, E. G. McKinney, Addie Sutphin, Minnie Brown	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	10	7.00
Flower Gap	Elder J. D. Easter, A. M. McCraw, Isaac McCraw, Daniel Marion, alt. .	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	27	13.00